

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-37: (Cancelled)

38. (Previously presented) A device for protecting a person outside a motor vehicle comprising:

at least one proximity sensor for detecting factors influencing impact kinematics; and
an airbag positioned to inflate to a position outside of the motor vehicle;

wherein the airbag includes a contact region for making first contact with the person, the contact region being positioned in a lower region of the airbag in relation to the motor vehicle and at a greater distance from a body of the motor vehicle perpendicular to the vertical axis of the motor vehicle than other regions of the airbag,

wherein the airbag includes an impact surface adjoining the contact region for receiving a person after the first contact; and

wherein the airbag is configured so that the inclination or stiffness of the impact surface can be adapted to the detected factors influencing the impact kinematics.

39. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 38, wherein the impact surface is inclined with respect to a plane running perpendicular to the vertical axis of the vehicle.

40. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 39, wherein the impact surface rises counter to a direction of travel.

41. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 38, wherein the airbag is formed essentially in the shape of a wedge.

42. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 38, wherein the airbag has at least two chambers which can be pressurized to different extents.

43. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 42, wherein each of the chambers is assigned at least one gas generator.

44. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 38, wherein the contact region is arranged essentially on a plane below the center of gravity of the person located outside the motor vehicle.

45. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 38, wherein the airbag is arranged in a front region of the vehicle.

46. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 38, wherein the airbag, when not in use, is accommodated in a bumper and/or a protective strip.

Claims 47-63 (Canceled).

64. (Previously presented) An airbag module for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a gas generator;

at least one proximity sensor for detecting factors influencing impact kinematics;

an airbag positioned to inflate to a position outside of the motor vehicle;

wherein the airbag includes a contact region for making first contact with the person, the contact region being positioned in a lower region of the airbag in relation to the motor vehicle and at a greater distance from a body of the motor vehicle perpendicular to the vertical axis of the motor vehicle than other regions of the airbag,

wherein the airbag includes an impact surface adjoining the contact region for receiving a person after the first contact; and

wherein the airbag is configured so that the inclination or stiffness of the impact surface can be adapted to the detected factors influencing the impact kinematics.